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AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CB AMGT

SUBJECT: GKR EMBASSY REQUESTS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM AMB KOUN WICK, GKR EMBASSY MINISTER-COUNSELOR SUM MANIT CALLED ON EMBASSY SEPT 25 TO DESCRIBE DIRE FINANCIAL STRAITS IN WHICH EMBASSY FINDS ITSELF AND TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM OUR EMBASSY. MANIT SAID THAT SINCE HIS AND AMB WICK'S ARRIVAL THREE MONTHS AGO NO FUNDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENT IN PHNOM PENH. AMBASSADOR HAS PAID ALL EMBASSY EXPENSES, SALARIES, ETC. FROM PRIVATE RESOURCES. AMBASSADOR'S AND MANIT'S OWN SALARIES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID AND THEIR PRIVATE FUNDS ARE NOW EXHAUSTED. REQUESTS FOR MONEY FROM PHNOM PENH GO UNANSWERED. MANIT ASKED IF US EMBASSY, ON PRIVATE BASIS, COULD LEND GKR EMBASSY TWO OR THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO TIDE THEM OVER UNTIL FUNDS CAME FROM PHNOM PENH. WE INFORMED MANIT THAT WE HAD NO MEANS FOR LENDING FUNDS AND POINTED OUT THAT MATTER SHOULD BE RESOLVED BETWEEN GKR EMBASSY AND HOME GOVERNMENT.

2. COMMENT: WHILE OBVIOUSLY A DELICATE MATTER, WE FEEL GKR SHOULD KNOW WE ARE AWARE OF KHMER EMBASSY TOKYO'S PLIGHT AND THAT USG FAVORS ADJUSTMENT IN GKR PRIORITIES TO ALLEVIATE SITUATION. IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN TO GKR FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (INCLUDING ESF) AND FOR SUPPORT ON ISSUES SUCH AS KHMER CREDENTIALS IN

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